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Francisco Polit Ortiz, an active member of the Communist cell of the

Ecuadoran Federation of University Students, whose departure for Mexico was reported in that country on 15 September and 25X1A2g shortly afterward registered at the Ecuadoran Embassy. He is now on very friendly terms with Francisco Barona Anda, First Secretary of Embassy, and with Luis Donoso, also a Secretary. Both Barona and Donoso deny that Polit is a Communist and described him as a liberal intellectual. They stated that Polit's purpose in coming to Mexico was to become familiar with the politics, agriculture, and economy of the country and also to study the labor situation and the university system. To this end Polit has spent a great deal of time at the Ecuadoran Embassy studying the material available on these subjects. In addition he attends lectures at the Universidad Nacional and the Universidad Obrera although he is not enrolled at either as a student,

2. Barona stated that the Embassy had been authorized to assist Polit financially. Also, he stated that Polit had hopes of obtaining the assistance of the Ecuadoran government in publishing a literary magazine in Quito under the joint direction of Polit and Jaime Chavez Granja.

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Manuel Terragas, a member of the Political Howe ver Bureau of the Communist Party of Mexico, that Polit is considered to be a very sincere Communist well versed in the doctrine of Karl Mark. Terrazas stated that Polit is very much interested in the organization of the Confederacion de Jovenes de Mexico, Communist youth organisation. 25X1X6

4. This information was corroborated by did not meet Polit at Communist Party headquarters Since that time, however, Polit has been seen at the Party headquarters almost every day, usually from 9 to 11:30 in the morning, in conversation with Dionisio Encina, Secretary General of the Party; Blas Manrique, Secretary General of the Federal District Committee; Pedro Lopez Mendez, Secretary of Organization of the Federal District Committee; and with Wanuel Terrazas,

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visited the Soviet Embassy on several occasions. In this connection, he added that, although on his first visit he was admitted only after considerable difficulty, he now has no trouble because the doorman knows him well. does not know at the present time the reasons for Polit's visit to the Soviet Embassy, nor is he aware of the identity of the person or persons with whom Polit is in contact there.

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